



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Certificate of Alternate Compliance for USS Jack H. Lucas

(DDG 125)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DON), Department of Defense (DOD) .

ACTION: Notice of issuance of certificate of alternate compliance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Navy hereby announces that a Certificate of Alternate Compliance has been issued for USS JACK H. LUCAS (DDG 125). Due to the special construction and purpose of this vessel, the Admiralty Counsel of the Navy has determined it is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with the navigation lights provisions of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this notice is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

DATES: This Certificate of Alternate Compliance is effective **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** and is applicable beginning November 4, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Shaun Pehl, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Attorney, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Admiralty and Maritime Law Division

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background and Purpose.

Executive Order 11964 of January 19, 1977 and 33 U.S.C.
1605 provide that the requirements of the 72 COLREGS, as to
the number, position, range, or arc of visibility of lights
or shapes, as well as to the disposition and
characteristics of sound-signaling appliances, shall not
apply to a vessel or class of vessels of the Navy where the
Secretary of the Navy shall find and certify that, by
reason of special construction or purpose, it is not
possible for such vessel(s) to comply fully with the
provisions without interfering with the special function of
the vessel(s). Notice of issuance of a Certificate of
Alternate Compliance must be made in the *Federal Register*.

In accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Admiralty
Counsel of the Navy, under authority delegated by the
Secretary of the Navy, hereby finds and certifies that USS
JACK H. LUCAS (DDG 125) is a vessel of special construction
or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the
following navigational lights, it is not possible to comply
fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in
the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the special
function of the vessel:

Annex I, paragraph 3(a), pertaining to the position of the forward masthead light; Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(i) pertaining to the vertical position of the aft masthead light; Annex I, paragraph 3(a), pertaining to the horizontal distance between the masthead lights; Annex I, paragraph 3(c), pertaining to the horizontal distance of the "task lights" below the masthead lights; Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(ii), pertaining to the horizontal position of the task lights above the aft masthead light(s) and vertical position of the task lights between the forward masthead light(s) and aft masthead light(s).

The Admiralty Counsel of the Navy further finds and certifies that these navigational lights are in closest possible compliance with the applicable provision of the 72 COLREGS.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605(c), E.O. 11964

Dated: November 4, 2022.

B. F. ROACH,

Commander,

Judge Advocate General's Corps,

U. S. Navy,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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